

# Union Calendar No. 406

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5729

[Report No. 110-645]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2008

Mr. ELLSWORTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 15, 2008

Additional sponsor: Mr. BUYER

MAY 15, 2008

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Spina Bifida Health  
3 Care Program Expansion Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE BY**  
5 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CHIL-**  
6 **DREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH**  
7 **SPINA BIFIDA.**

8       (a) **PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH**  
9 **CARE.**—Section 1803(a) of title 38, United States Code,  
10 is amended by striking “such health care as the Secretary  
11 determines is needed by the child for the spina bifida or  
12 any disability that is associated with such condition” and  
13 inserting “health care under this section”.

14       (b) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE DOMICILIARY CARE.**—  
15 Section 1803(c)(1)(A) of title 38, United States Code, is  
16 amended by inserting “domiciliary care,” after “nursing  
17 home care,”.

18       (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
19 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to care  
20 furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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